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SUBJECT French Paper Prints CIA Names

WALTER CRONKITE: Less than a month ago Richard Welch, the CIA agent station chief in Greece, was gunned down in Athens after Greek newspapers printed his name and CIA connections. Now a left wing French newspaper is printing its own list of names, as Jack Curtis reports.

JACK CURTIS: At this hour in Paris the Tuesday edition of the newspaper Liberation is on the streets with a list of 32 alleged CIA agents in France, and front page pictures of a man identified as the agency's Paris station chief. The daily plans to publish another 20 names in Wednesday's edition.

Liberation is a three year old daily founded with the backing of philosopher Jean Paul Sartre. It occupies this unmarked building in a working class district of eastern Paris, and operates with a non-union staff of 60, including several part-time and unpaid workers. The paper carries no advertising and, though editorially far left, it follows no particular party line.

Does it matter to you that regardless of the accuracy of this list, you may be putting some people's lives and their reputations in jeopardy?

PHILLIPPE GAVY (?): It is always a problem. And for instance it's a problem when they shot Welch -- Welch was murdered in Greece. But we think that much more people have been killed by the CIA, by the people that the CIA have used. For instance, then the CIA used people from the Mafia to try to kill Fidel Castro, it's also a problem.

CURTIS: All persons named on the list are employees here at the American Embassy in Paris. An informed source

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predicted Embassy officials would have no comment on the list unless it appears to be an outright fabrication. Meanwhile, Liberation expects a brisk sale of its 28,000 copies nationwide tomorrow.

Jack Curtis for CBS News, Paris.